



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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300 ARMY PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON DC 20310-0300



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DAPE-HRPD-IRPD

04 DEC 2003

MEMORANDUM THRU VICE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY

SUBJECT: Request for Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service (SSI-FWTS) for Soldiers Assigned to Turkey, Israel, and Aegis Cruisers in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

1. Purpose. To obtain the CSA's approval to authorize the SSI-FWTS (combat patch) for Soldiers assigned to units in Turkey, Israel, and Aegis cruisers, who are in support of OIF.

2. Discussion:

a. CG, CFLCC requested inclusion of Soldiers, who participated in OIF while serving in Turkey and Israel to wear the SSI-FWTS for their support to OIF. During further coordination, CFLCC also concurred to the expansion of the area of eligibility for Soldiers assigned to the Aegis cruisers. CG, CFLCC contends these Soldiers deserve to wear the SSI-FWTS for OIF since they have supported ground combat operations against hostile forces in which they were exposed to the threat of enemy fire.

b. **Current policy** for the wear of the SSI-FWTS for OIF requires Soldiers to have actively participated in or supported ground combat operations against hostile forces in which they were directly or indirectly exposed to the threat of enemy action or fire, be deployed in the CENTCOM area of operations, and been under the command of the CG, CENTCOM.

3. Recommendation:

a. That CSA approve the authorization for wear of the SSI-FWTS for Soldiers assigned to Turkey, Israel, and those Soldiers assigned to Aegis cruisers in support of OIF.

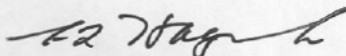
b. That CSA approve inclusion of this authorization into a priority revision to AR 670-1 to **change paragraph 28-17 (14) to read:** "Operation Iraqi Freedom: From 19 March 2003 to a date to be determined, for Soldiers assigned to units



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participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Soldiers must have been deployed in the CENTCOM area of operations, or participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom while deployed in Turkey or Israel. Soldiers who were deployed in the area of operations on training exercises or in support of operations other than Iraqi Freedom are not authorized the SSI-FWTS, unless those exercises or operations became combat or support missions to Operation Iraqi Freedom."



F. L. HAGENBECK  
Lieutenant General, GS  
Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1

VCSA RECOMMENDS: ☒ APPROVAL ☐ DISAPPROVAL

CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY:  ☒ APPROVES ☐ DISAPPROVES

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12 September 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR HQDA, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G1, 300 Army Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310-0300

SUBJECT: Shoulder Sleeve Insignia--Former Wartime Service (SSI-FWTS) for Operation IRAQI FREEDOM

1. Request priority revision of AR 670-1, paragraph 28-17 (14), dated 5 September 2003 to include soldiers who participated in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM while serving in Turkey as part of ARFOR-T from 19 March 2003-9 May 2003, and in Israel as members of JTF-Cobra from 19 March 2003-9 May 2003. These deserving soldiers are excluded from eligibility because they did not serve under the Commander, U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM).

2. As written, paragraph 28-17 (14) states:

"Operation Iraqi Freedom: from 19 March 2003 to a date to be determined, for soldiers assigned to units participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. *Soldiers must have been deployed in the CENTCOM area of operations and been under the command of the CG, CENTCOM.* Soldiers who were deployed in the area of operations on training exercises or in support of operations other than Iraqi Freedom are not authorized the SSI-FWTS, unless those exercises or operations became combat or support missions to Operation Iraqi Freedom." (emphasis mine)

Because soldiers in Turkey and Israel operated outside of the geographical boundaries of the CENTCOM AOR, these soldiers were not under the command of the Commander, CENTCOM, and thus, are not eligible to wear the SSI-FWTS due to this specified regulatory requirement.

3. Recommend revising paragraph 28-17 (14) to read:

"Operation IRAQI FREEDOM: from 19 March 2003 to a date to be determined, for soldiers assigned to units participating in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. *Soldiers must have been deployed in the CENTCOM area of operations, or participated in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM while deployed in Turkey or Israel.* Soldiers who were deployed in the area of operations on training exercises or in support of operations other than Iraqi Freedom are not authorized the SSI-FWTS, unless those exercises or operations became combat or support missions to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM." (emphasis mine)

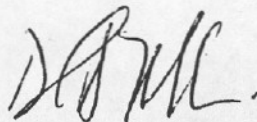
Eliminating the specific requirement for service under the Commander, CENTCOM would be consistent with paragraph 29-28 (13), which states:

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“One overseas service bar is authorized for each 6-month period of Federal service as a member of a U.S. Service participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the CENTCOM area of operations, or under the control of the CG, CENTCOM, from 19 March 2003 to a date to be determined.”

4. For additional information, contact the ACofS, C-1, Coalition Forces Land Component Command at DSN 367-4146 or commercial (404) 464-4146.

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Commanding